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Land Revenue Administration

Disposal of the suit filed by some pattadars of Marandai, Tinnevelly district, for permitting water-rate cultivation.

* 224 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government was sued by a few pattadars in Marandai, Tinnevelly district, for permitting water-rate cultivation in the above village;

(*b*) how was the suit decided; and

(*c*) whether the Government will give preference to water-rate lands when dry lands in the village are next converted into wet?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Against the Government, who have filed an appeal which is now pending.

(*c*) No such undertaking can be given.

Collection of kist in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts.

* 225-A *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the Tanjore district kist is being collected from the ryots in four equal instalments in January, February, March and April; and

(*b*) if so, why the same privilege has not been extended to the ryots in Trichinopoly district?

A.—(*a*) Yes, till fasli 1341; but with effect from the current fasli, viz., 1932–33, the kistbandi of the district has been altered into one of three instalments of six annas in February, six annas in March, and four annas in April.

(*b*) With effect from the current fasli the kistbandi of all the taluks of the district with the exception of Karur has been altered into one of three instalments of six annas in January, six annas in February, and four annas in March. The old kistbandi of Karur taluk, viz., one of four equal instalments commencing from January is to continue.

The kistbandi of each district has been fixed on a consideration of the conditions in that district. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraphs 6 and 7 of G.O. No. 1162, Revenue, dated the 6th June 1932, which has been made available to the Press.

Collection of kists in Trichinopoly.

* 225-B *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: With reference to the representations sent to the Government by the Landholders Association, Trichinopoly, explaining the difficulties in the present method of collection of kist, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state

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whether there is any proposal before the Government for fixing the period for the collection of kists in the Trichinopoly district in four instalments commencing from January to April instead of January, February and March?

A.—The answer is in the negative. The representations were considered before orders were issued in G.O. No. 1162, Revenue, dated 6th June 1932, fixing a kistbandi of 6 annas in January, 6 annas in February and 4 annas in March for all the taluks of the Trichinopoly district with the exception of Karur.

Hereditary right of succession among village officers and village menials in Salem district.

* 226 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what definite principles the village officers and village menials in Salem district are not allowed the hereditary right of their posts;

(*b*) in which districts such officers and menials hold this right and the special reasons for the same;

(*c*) whether any representations have been received from the village officers of Salem district in this behalf;

(*d*) if so, from which place such representations were received and in what way they were disposed of; and

(*e*) what objections and special difficulties the Government hold to order for the modification of Board's Standing Order No. 156, to afford equal opportunities and privilege to the village officers, and village menials in Salem and other similar districts, as enjoyed by those in other districts where such posts are governed by statute, and are hereditary?

A.—(*a*) Custom.

(*b*) Village offices other than those specified in Board's Standing Order No. 156 are hereditary. They were hereditary in character before Madras Act III of 1895 was passed.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) ——.

(*e*) The hereditary or non-hereditary character of village offices in any district or part of a district depends on the custom which has prevailed in that area for generations. The Government see no reason to depart from that principle.

Damage to Malabar on account of the cyclone.

* 227 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a cyclone on or about 25th May on the West Coast;

(*b*) which are the areas in Malabar which were affected by the same;